

US DHS buys more name analysis tools

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The Homeland Security Department's Customs and Border Protection agency, an arm of the Border and Transportation Security Directorate, has signed a sole-source contract with Language Analysis Systems Inc. of Herndon, Va., for additional software to help analyze names of people.

The software is particularly useful in winnowing the names of terrorists out of lists of passengers or other data sources.

CBP's National Targeting Center is responsible for identifying travelers seeking to enter the country who may be terrorists or pose other threats.

LAS chief executive officer Jack Hermansen declined to specify the price of the contract. He cited the GSA schedule price list for the software at www.las-inc.com/gsa, which indicates that the company's products sell for prices ranging from a few thousand dollars each for a small implementation to about \$508,000 for a complete suite of the products fielded on a large server.

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